

Many organizations, educational institutions and government agencies are prepared to help in water-wise landscaping.

Utah Water Conservation Forum

The long-range goal of the Forum is to assist concerned individuals and organizations to become more aware of the importance of managing, preserving and learning practical ways to incorporate wise water use into every part of their lives. The Forum promotes educational presentations regarding water-wise practices and is a clearinghouse where highly trained professionals evaluate new products, programs and concepts. Call (801) 538-7299 for more information.

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Provo Area Office
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Provo, Utah 84606-7317
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Utah Nursery and Landscape Association

For information, please contact members in your community, or call (801) 565-8880.

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**WATER
WISE
LANDSCAPING**

What is water-wise landscaping?

Water-wise landscaping is a concept that employs a host of ideas that conserve water, reduce maintenance costs and time. Population in Utah is increasing rapidly. With more people more water is needed, yet Utah is the second driest state in the nation, averaging only 13 inches of water each year. One important way to insure adequate water for the future is to start water-wise landscaping practices around new homes and, where practical, in existing residential areas.

Watering the lawn and other landscaping "soaks up" about half of Utah's treated drinking water. With proper design and use of "water-wise" landscaping, we dramatically decrease water usage and maintain a beautiful environment surrounding the home or building. A wide and diverse variety of techniques can create an attractive, water-efficient landscape.



Why consider such landscaping for my home or business?

Cost Savings

Traditionally, Utah home owners have installed large areas of turf grass around their residences. This requires increased water, fertilizer and herbicide. In addition, fuel, equipment and labor are needed for lawn mowing. Landfill disposal of grass clippings is a problem. Adoption of water-wise landscaping saves money and time.



Long-Term Beauty

Water-wise landscaping doesn't mean drab, colorless, lifeless yards converted to cactus gardens, but it does mean the application of these important principles:

- Planning and Designs that are environmentally sound, fiscally feasible and aesthetically pleasing.
- Soil Amendments that improve the soil and provide beneficial nutrients to plants.
- Appropriate Plant Selection using low-water use plants as much as possible.
- Practical Turf Areas that complement, not dominate the landscape.
- Efficient Irrigation which lessens water use and saves money.
- Use of Mulches reduces weeding, evaporation and slows erosion.
- Appropriate Maintenance that allows time for other activities.



With water rates increasing, how can I save on watering existing landscapes?

We normally use too much water on existing landscapes. How much is too much? Water auditing can help find the answer. You can either do water audits yourself or hire a water auditor. For more information, call (801) 538-7232.

Avoid watering during hot, daytime hours. Evaporation increases during the heat of the day. Water before 10:00 AM or after 6:00 PM wherever possible. Water turf and shrubs separately.

Where do I go for help?

Xeriscape ("water-wise") demonstration gardens are numerous throughout Utah.



Department of Natural Resources
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Red Butte Garden & Arboretum
University of Utah, Salt Lake City
For information, call (801) 581-4747

USU Extension Botanical Gardens
North Farmington (transferred in the future to Kaysville)
For information, call (801) 451-3204

Provo City Utilities
251 West 800 North, Provo
For information, call (801) 379-6809

Provo Water Resources
1377 South 350 East, Provo
For information, call (801) 379-6809

Park City Demonstration Garden
City Park - North End
Deer Valley - Sullivan Road
For information, call (801) 645-5016 or (801) 645-5000

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Department of Transportation
For information, call (801) 965-4657 or (801) 965-4104

Salt Lake Community College
College Center - South Entrance
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